

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing images to a user, comprising:
in response to a request[[,]] from a user system comprising a user color display device[[,]] for one or more images, receiving, at a server, characterization data for the user color display device; and
utilizing the received characterization data to provide a color-corrected version of the one or more images to the user system.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising after determining that characterization data for the user color display device is available:
displaying to the user a first icon on the display device.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the utilizing of the received characterization data to provide a color-corrected version of the one or more images comprises:
color correcting the one or more images on-the-fly.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the color correcting of the images comprises:
selecting a group of one or more images from one or more groups of pre-transformed images.
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 or claim 5, wherein color correcting the one or more images comprises:

color correcting the one or more images in accordance with a predetermined set of display device color characterization parameters.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user system is a client computer connected to a computer network including an Internet, and intranet, or a local area network.

9-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving of the characterization data at the server comprises utilizing a cookie previously dropped by the server on the user system.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the cookie contains information to enable the server to identify the user.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the cookie contains the characterization data for the user color display device.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the receiving of the characterization data comprises retrieving from a database the characterization data for the user color display device in accordance with the user identification.

15. (Previously Presented) A system for providing images to a user, comprising:
a data provider for:

receiving, at a server, a request to display one or more images on a user color display device,

inquiring of the source of the request to determine whether user color display device characterization data is available to the server, the inquiring being in response to receiving, at a server, the request to display one or more images on a user color display device, and

if the user color display device characterization data is available,
determining user color display device characterization data; and

an image provider for causing a version of the one or more images having color characteristics appropriate to the determined characterization data for the user color display device to be provided to the user.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

and image provider for displaying a first icon to the user if characterization data for the user color display device is available.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for displaying a second icon to the user if characterization data for the user color display device is not available.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for color correcting the one or more images on-the-fly.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for color correcting the one or more images in accordance with the characterization data for the user color display device.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for selecting a group of one or more images from one or more groups of pre-transformed images.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for selecting the one or more images in accordance with the characterization data for the user color display device.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for color correcting the one or more images in accordance with a predetermined set of color display device characterization parameters.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for selecting the one or more images in accordance with a predetermined set of color display device characterization parameters.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the user is a person or the user is a client computer connected to a computer network including an Internet, an intranet, or a local area network.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 24, wherein:

the user is a client computer connected to a computer network; and

the image provider comprises a server computer connected to the computer network.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the server includes the data provider.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the server comprises:
a server for receiving information from the client to determine characterization data for the user color display device.
28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the server comprises:
a server for retrieving a cookie previously dropped by the server on the client.
29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the server comprises:
a server for retrieving a cookie previously dropped by the server on the client, the cookie containing information to enable the server to identify the user.
30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the server comprises:
a server for retrieving a cookie previously dropped by the server on the client, the cookie containing the characterization data for the user color display device.
31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, further comprising:
a database connected to the computer network for providing the characterization data for the user color display device to the server in accordance with the user identification.
32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the server includes a database.